GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
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REPEAL OF URBAN LAND CEILING ACT
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre has asked the States to repeal the Urban Land Ceiling Act and the State Rent Control Laws within a definite time frame;

(b) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto;

(c) whether there is disparity in the disbursement of housing finance to various social groups among the low income, middle and higher income groups;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether there is a proposal to introduce a major rental housing programme similar to the one that prevails in Europe; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTfcR OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): No, Sir. Only Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 was repealed by the Urban Land

(Ceiling & Regulation) Repeal Act, 1999 and this restored to the States their Constitutional and legislative powers on the subject of land as enumerated in entry 18, List II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution.

(b): The Repeal Act has already came into force in the State of Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and UTs of NCT of Delhi, Pondicherry and Chandigarh.

(c)&(d): Disbursement of housing finance for construction of houses for various categories like EWS/LIG is done by various agencies namely;
(i) Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO),
(ii) Housing Finance Institutions including public sector banks and cooperative sector. HUDCO provides 55 of its fund for financing housing projects meant for EWS/LIG group.

(e)to(f): Housing is a State subject and the State Governments are required to prepare action plan for any housing activity in the State. National Habitat & Housing Policy, 1998, however, provides that emphasis will be on creation of housing stock on ownership and rental basis. Action in this regard is, therefore, to be taken by the State Governments.